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MEETING MINUTES

EQMI Attendees

Gilean Bartas, Maria Cabrera, Karin Haberlin, Mike Hettinger, Jeff Johnson, Kristen Miller, JoAnn Novajovsky, Karen Oliver-Jallow, Jim Siemianowski

Welcome, Review of Agenda & Call for Additional Agenda Items

No additional agenda items were added.

DMHAS Grant-Funded Data Quality Reports

Jim shared that there will be agency-level data quality reports produced and distributed within the next two weeks. These data quality reports will cover # of clients served, demographics, and key NOM (National Outcome Measures) indicators.

DDaP Implementation and 837 Set-Up

As mentioned in the past, DDaP (new data system to replace DPAS) will come online in March 2010. To prepare for this eventuality, DMHAS has recently distributed the final specifications for the system for your information. This document may be found at this website location:

<http://www.ct.gov/dmhas/lib/dmhas/eqmi/DDaPOverview.pdf>

DMHAS will be soliciting communication regarding provider needs for the common 837 format. Jim expects to issue a memo regarding this very shortly. He noted that providers who submit interface files (regardless of 837 or delimited format) will be expected to begin doing this by April 15, 2010.

Training opportunities regarding the new DDaP system will be available in the fall.

Q: Would it be possible to begin submitting files in the new format as soon as possible, instead of waiting until April 2010?

A: Unfortunately, no. We don't have the technical capability to accept those files at this time.

Q: What is the definition of "treatment programs" as mentioned in the DDaP Overview document?

A: We will review the document to determine if this is missing, and if it is, will provide an update very shortly.

08/15/09 DPAS Cut Off Date for "Static" Data Set

EQMI will produce a "static" data set for Fiscal Year 2009 in the near future so that we may be able to conduct analyses without a fluctuating client count. We request that all providers ensure that their data is as up to date as possible by August 15, 2009. By this, we mainly mean discharging clients who may no longer be active in programs, though other updates are always welcome.

Q: Can we get an extension of this deadline to September 15, 2009? Two weeks' notice is not enough time.

A: Unfortunately, no. This deadline was discussed back in May during our last conference call.

<http://www.ct.gov/dmhas/lib/dmhas/eqmi/dqmins052709.pdf> (May 27, 2009 minutes, page 3). We need to set an absolute cutoff date to be able to run reports in a timely manner. Please do the best that you can by this date, and continue to perform data cleanup. We will update our official dataset in several months to reflect the continual updates that we all make.

November-December Provider Report Cards

We continue work on our Provider Report Cards development. A prototype, using de-identified data, will be distributed by email within the next week. We expect to distribute the first Report Cards to

providers in November or December 2009. They will not be posted on the web and your data will not be shared with other agencies.

Consumer Survey Progress

Over 25,000 surveys are being analyzed at this time- a new record. Over 5,000 Quality of Life responses and about 5,000 comments were received. We expect to have a draft for senior management's review by September 15, 2009.

FY2010 materials are now available online at
<http://www.ct.gov/dmhas/cwp/view.asp?a=2900&q=334726>

NEXT CALLS: **Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at 9:15 and 10:15am**
CALL-IN #: **(866) 640-7980**

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